

RES25-218
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 445

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Meeting Date: Sep 3, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony: I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission. Mr. Veray has demonstrated a strong and dedicated commitment to the successful functions of O'ahu's Neighborhood Boards as elected voices for their Community Districts, and possesses a wealth of knowledge as an experienced Board Chair emeritus. Clearly, Mr. Veray should be reappointed to the Commission to continue sharing his expertise, evaluation skills, and astute recommendations as the Commission proceeds to collaboratively consult directly with the elected Boards to ensure successful outcomes benefiting O'ahu's communities.		



The Senate
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
September 3, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
And Council Members
Honolulu City Council City Council Chambers
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Members:

Subject: Testimony in Support of Resolution 25-218
REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY VERAY TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

I would like to thank Chair Waters and Councilmember Okimoto for introducing Resolution 25-218 which reappoints Mr. Larry Veray to serve on the Neighborhood Commission ("NC") of the City and County of Honolulu. I offer my testimony in **support** of Mr. Veray to serve on the Neighborhood Commission as a commissioner.

I have known Mr. Veray for the past 13 years in my capacity as a community member, former Councilmember, and now in my current role as a State Senator representing the Pearl City area. In all those years I have seen Mr. Veray display leadership qualities of a servant leader. Mr. Veray truly cares about his community by being actively involved in many community organizations, his service to our country, and most notably volunteering his time as a community leader by serving as Chair of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Friends of Sunset Memorial, Pearl City Community Association, and the Pearl City Lions Club. It is important and critical to have someone with experience as a neighborhood board member to be on the NC because they have a firsthand experience of how the NC interfaces with the Neighborhood Boards throughout our entire island. Mr. Veray truly has a passion for public service and remains committed to doing what is right for his community. Altogether, he has a caring heart for others and finds ways to give back to the community. I know Mr. Veray will make a tremendous contribution to the NC and I ask you to support Resolution 25-218. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Elefante".

Brandon Elefante
Hawai'i State Senator, District 16



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August 29, 2025

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
Councilmember Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council

Re: Support of Resolution 25-218, Reappointing Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission

Dear Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 25-218, which re-appoints Pearl City Neighborhood Board Chair Larry Veray to serve on the Neighborhood Commission. As a representative for the Pearl City community, I have the pleasure of working with Mr. Veray through all his roles as Pearl City Neighborhood Board Chair, member of the Pearl City Lions Club, and as a member of the Pearl City Community Association. He is a dedicated community servant and would continue to be an asset to the Neighborhood Commission with his extensive knowledge and experience within the Neighborhood Board system.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the re-appointment of Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this resolution.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cory Chun".

Representative Cory Chun
Hawaii State House of Representatives
District 35 - Pearl City, Waipahū, Crestview